

Dear Vice Chair Degraw and associates on your Committee:
I object in my strongest terms to consideration and possible enactment of SB 443.

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/TOB/S/PDF/2022SB-00443-R00-SB.PDF>

What I, and many citizens perceive is a further slow and steady intrusion into the private status and affairs of citizens.

You and your Committee associates appear to be a bit too much isolated from the feelings and general anger on the street about Government continual intrusion into our lives.

We already pay Municipal, State, and Federal taxes, and those taxes generally are calculated on income/legal expenses/ charity deductions/other deductions as allowed by current Law.

How much more information do you want?

How much more information do you need, and for what purpose?

We are already taxed on Income/Home assessments/ Cars/ commercial sales/ Corporate/ Gasoline/ etc.

This is the worst time for the State of Connecticut to invent a new monitoring technique; citizens are already stressed and are in some cases at the breaking point.

By considering this new "Bill" you are likely to drive out more of the upper income earners who already carry a large part of the State revenue burden.

Take a look at statistics on what classes of people are departing Connecticut and you'll see a notable percentage of high earners (I'm not one of them), plus upper-middle class earners; they are moving to lower-taxed States who somehow know how to balance their books without excessive taxing techniques.

Please consider the 'backfire effect' of more State monitoring.

I do not believe I need to further expand my strong disapproval of this latest Bill; you surely can understand my objection.

At election time, citizens will not forget this intrusive Bill should you push this through.

And perhaps more Corporations may leave Connecticut.

Last point, and an IMPORTANT POINT:

Please re-task/ modify your Charter of your Committee to look at Line Items in the Spending side of Connecticut's balance sheet. I see not enough attention placed on SPENDING, and too much on methods to add possible taxes.

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